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GREEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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GREENSBURG, KENTUCKY

6-19-62

Mr R. Gerald McMurtry
Lincoln National Life Foundation
For Wayne,1, Ind

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 15th of June to the Greensburg Post Master has been turne over to me to try and answer. and I wish that I could without any doubt make statements that I could douckement, but what I can give you is the most reliable information that is availabe here.

I have no information that William H Herndon lived in Green County, if you do have I would appreciate having it so that I can try and locate his home, our old court records are not indexed to well but if he owned property in Green County we will be able to find it.

It is believed that, and I have been told by old citizens that the Greensburg City school in which Mentor Graham taught school is apart of the house in which Monroe Shreves now lives and is located just two city bolcks directely west of the public square of Greensburg.

The Nathaniel Owens home is located about one mile south of Allendale and a half mile east of Kentucky highway No.61. The house was torn down about three years ago it was in a reasonably good state of preservation some of us protested to the owner ,trying to point out its historical signifance, which seemed to make him want to tare it down all the more. I have also been told that there was found some letters and papers of Lincoln these also were burned. The home was about 8 miles north of Greensburg.

The burial place of the mother and father of Mentor Graham is in the Old Brush Creek Baptist Church grave yar yardwhich is located across the creek from the church the grave are marked. The birth place of mentor Graham is close by , but I do not know and mabe no one does the exact location of the house in ehich he was born.

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To reach the grave sites from Greensburg , go North on highway No,61 about 8 miles to,Bloyds Cross Roads, turn left on the Hudgens road and its about 5 miles to the old Church.

Ninian Edwards was a graduate of the New Athens Academy in Grensburg. it was taught by a Rev John Howe a Presbyterian minister in the orignial County Court Clerks Office, it still stands just a half block due East of theold Court House.I have noidea as to w where the home of MrEdwards was. his father owned land about two miles East of Greensburg, I have tried to trace the deeds but there are some missing links so it would be hard to pinpoint.

I havent given you a lot of information, but I hope it will be useful and I would appreciate a coppy or two of (Lincoln Lore) when its published for my files.

I am inclosing a map of Gre en County with places of historical intrest with notations. If it is the same one you have I would be intrested in knowing how youn came by it, since I did the map and notes about six months ago and used it a s a program for the Greensburg Rotary Club. I had not expected that a coppy would ever get out side of the city limits of Greensurg.

Sincerely

Sam W Moore

(1)
Oldest Court House West of the Alleghenies, designed by Stone Hammer Metcalfe, who later became governor of Kentucky, completed in 1804

(2)
Home of General Hobson Civil War 1861-1865

(3)
Home of General Ward. War with Mexico, Civil War 1861-65

(4)
Home of Ninnion Edwards, Governor of Illinois

(5)
Head of Steamboat naviagation on the Green River, the boat "Sally Anderson" docked here between 1845 and 1850

(6)
Greensburg school where Mentor Graham taught from 1818 to 1823 and was head master

(7)
Site of Camp Ward, where General Ward organized the 20th army Corps 1861-62

(8)
Fort Mouldren (origin unknown)

(9)
Pitmons Station one of the earliest settlements in Green County

(10)
Site of the famous Burning Gas well drilled in 1825

(11)
Home of Jane Todd Crawford, upon whom Dr. Ephrem McDowell performed the first successful abdominal operation on Christmas day 1809

(12)
Camp site number one of the Long Hunters 1769 also where Boone was heard singing in the wilderness.

(13)
Grays Station one of the earliest settlements in Green County

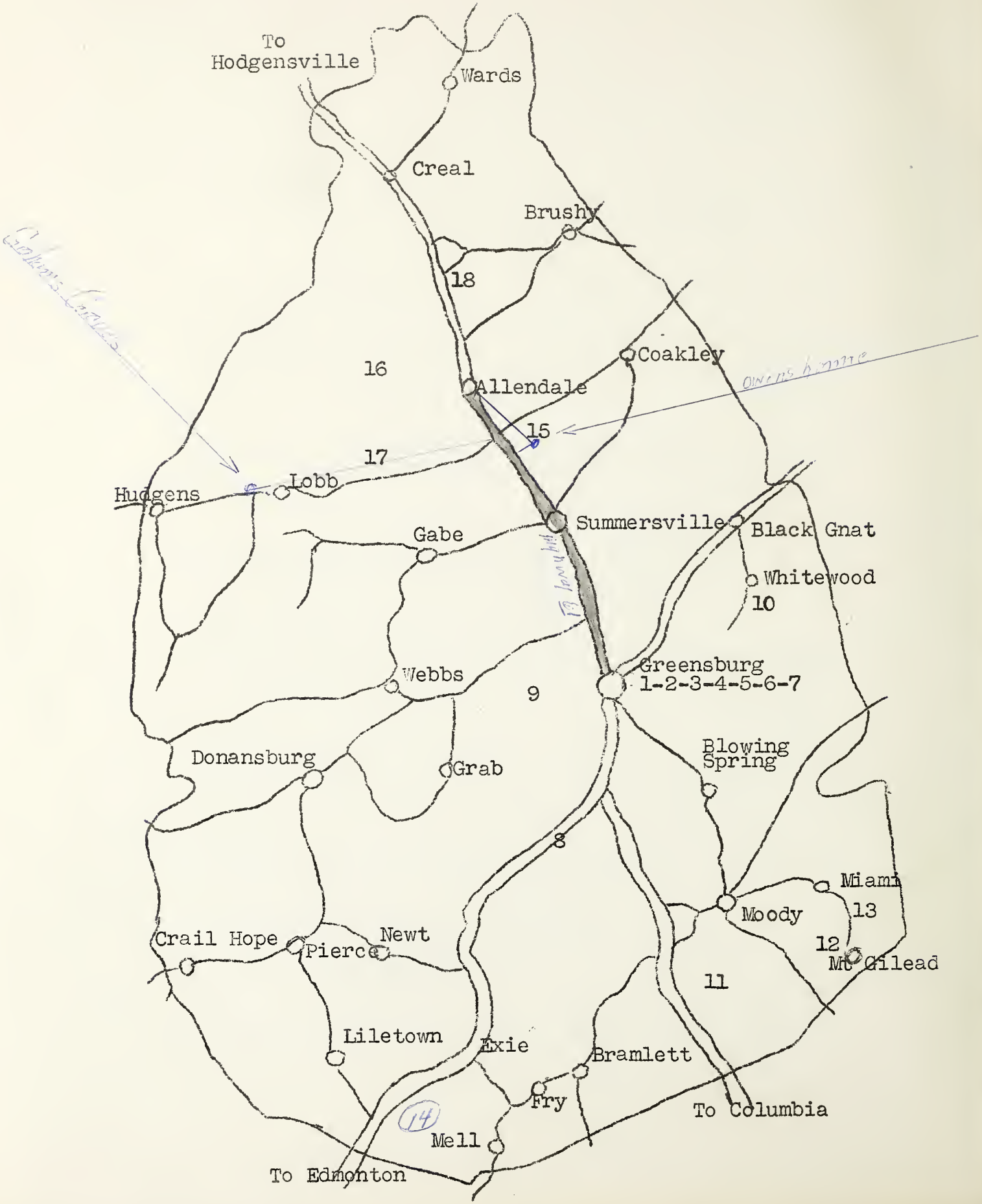
(14)
Homestead and burial place of "Father" David Rice a Presbyterian minister, the first protestant missionary west of the Allegheny Mountains

(15)
Home of Nathenal Owens, first Sheriff of Green County 1792, whose daughter Mary Owens was Lincoln's sweetheart and the setting of the historical novel "Lincoln's Other Mary". It was also the site of the "Brush Creek Academy" where Mentor Graham received his formal education.

(16)
Site of old iron furnace, and woolen mill, also the site of the only beheading that ever took place in Green County

(17)
Home of Mentor Graham, the burial place of his Mother and Father and the setting of the book "Mentor Graham The Man Who Taught Lincoln"

(18)
Skaggs Station the site of the last known Indian raid in Green County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July 3, 1962

Mr. R. Gerald McMurtry, Director
The Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. McMurtry:

Your letter with the information relative to Mr. Archer Herndon, father of William H. Herndon was very interesting to me. In the first place I was not aware that William H. Herndon was a native of Green County.

I have searched the records at the Green County Court House and I find only 1 entry relative to Archer Herndon (Archie Bald), in the year 1817, he listed property for taxation to-wit: fifty (50) acres of land valued at $65.00. I have also searched all of the Deed Books and I cannot find where Mr. Herndon bought this property, nor where he sold it.

You might be interested to know that there was at the same time in Green County, Kentucky a Mr. William Herndon and I wonder what relation he might have been to Mr. Archer Herndon. Mr. William Herndon was a man of much prominence in Green County from the year 1793 until the last entry was made in Deed Book, No. 12, 1826. I am enclosing notes from the record books in the Green County Court House on William Herndon. He also listed property for taxation in 1817 and according to the list given he was the wealthiest man in Green County. The notes enclosed may not be of particular historical significance other than to give some insite into the type of man that William Herndon was.

I wish that it were possibel to establish the birth place of William H. Herndon and yet I am afraid that it may be impossible other than to say he was born in Green County, Kentucky.

Any further information that you might come across that might lead to the birth place of William H. Herndon would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sam W. Moore

Deed Book, No. 1, Page 257, William Moore, 1798, apprenticed his son, Robert Moore to become a carpenter, 1798 to William Herndon.

Deed Book No. 2, page 345, Deed from Thomas High Smith and William H. Herndon.

Deed Book, No. 4, Page 11, Deed to Monah Lasley from William Herndon.

Deed Book, No. 4, Page 277, William Herndon appointed attorney for Bellfield Henry, 1806.

Deed Book, No. 6, Page 57, 1809. , Mortgage from Herndon to Nathaniel Owens. 200 acres of land he lived on, mortgaged a still and mash tubs.

Deed Book, No. 6, Page 179, 1811, Herndon mortgaged six (6) slaves to Andrew Barnett, for $1038.96.

Deed Book, No. 6, Page 273, 1812, Herndon to James Allen, one Negro girl for $373.13, named Violet.

Deed Book, No. 6, James Allen and David Allen appointed Herndon attorney to sell 1000 acres of land in Ohio County.

Deed Book, No. 6, Page 365, 1812, Andrew Barnett sold slaves mortgaged to him by Herndon.

Deed Book, No. 9, Page 14, 1819, Herndon appointed William Rhea his attorney to sell a negro slave named Edmond, who is in jail in New Orleans.

Deed book, No. 9, Page 120, 1819, Appointed William Rhea to take possession of a Negro fellow named Edmond who was in the possession of Elisha Roberts in the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana.

Deed Book, No. 8, Page 269, 1818, Deed Herndon to John K. Abney, town lots No. 113, 115 and 2, $4,125.50.

Deed book, No. 8, Page 482, Herndon and wife Nancy mortgaged to Charles Murry, 33 feet of town lot No. 1.

Deed Book No. 9, Page 118, 1819, Herndon to William Hobson lot No. 113, where the Methodist Church now stands.

Deed Book 10, Page 280, 1822, Herndon apprenticed his son, Rowan to learn the trade of cabinet making.

Deed Book 12, page 149, 1826, Herndon mortgaged to Curry $200.00 household goods and 50 barrels of corn to pay a note.

July 6, 1962

Mr. Sam W. Moore
Green County Health Department
Greensburg, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Moore:

I was glad to have your letter of July 3 and to learn that you have been searching in the court records for some clue leading to the birthplace of William H. Herndon.

I am sorry to learn that you have been unable to locate his birthplace. I am sure that the location of the Herndon birthplace would create considerable interest. If I ever find any more leads I will write to you.

Many thanks for the information on William Herndon.

Yours sincerely,

R. Gerald McMurtry

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175th Anniversary Celebration
October 13, 14, 15

'Old Court House'
Greensburg - Ky
1802 - 1804

175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OF

GREEN COUNTY

October 13, 14, 15, 1967

Historical Sites and Buildings Included In Guided Tour.

1 — Oldest courthouse west of the Alleghenies. (Building will be open - collection of interesting relics of early Green County and Kentucky history will be on exhibition).

2 — Old Bank Building, "Bank of the Commonwealth", later: Vaughn House - Open Sunday.

3 — Old County Clerk's office built in 1804 and New Athens Academy - Open Saturday and Sunday.

4 — Kentucky Burgoo for sale on the square during the celebration.

5 — Early Greensburg School during period of 1818-1828, taught by Mentor Graham, "the man who taught Lincoln". (Not open to the public).

6 — Home of General Hobson, the man who caught John Hunt Morgan during Civil War.

7 — Site of home of William Herndon, who was Lincoln's law partner.

8 — Site of home of Jane Todd Crawford.

9 — Site of Long Hunters' Camp - Old Mt. Gilead Church, built in 1804 - Open.

There will be a Clothesline Art Show on the Public Square. This exhibit will include hundreds of original oil paintings by artists in South Central Kentucky Saturday and Sunday.

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